

Supply of Containers to Visakhapatnam Port Trust

6015. **SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:**
SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT to be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy demand for containers to export the goods from the Visakhapatnam Port Trust;

(b) if so, the actual supply of the containers to the Visakhapatnam Port Trust during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirement of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a). No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Security Arrangements in Defence Installations

6016. **SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE to be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the security arrangements in big strategic defence installations like CODS, ODS, Base Workshops, Engineer Store Depots;

(b) whether the Defence Security Corps which comprises of discharged defence personnel re-employed in DSC, guard installation are equipped with 303 Rifles which have been discarded all over the world;

(c) if so, whether the Government pro-

pose to provide them some sophisticated weapons and training as per the present security requirements; and

(d) if so, when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) CODs, ODS, Base Workshops, Engineer Store Depot etc. are guarded by Defence Security Corps personnel, around the Clock. Provision of watch towers, perimeter lighting, search lights, perimeter fencing, restricted entry through issue of gate passes, surprise checks during night by Duty Officers and Garrison Field Officers, locking and celling of Store houses at the end of days are the major security arrangements in big strategic defence installations.

(b) DSC personnel are equipped primarily with 7.62 Rifles, some 303 Rifles and 9 MM Carbines.

(c) and (d). The DSC personnel are equipped with such weapons and provided such training as is warranted by security requirements of the installations they guard.

Short-Comings in Income-Tax Laws about Assessment of Small Scale Industrial Undertakings

6017. **SHRI RAM KAPSE:** Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No.5 of 1991 has pointed out short-comings in the income-tax laws with respect to the assessment of small scale industrial undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rectify these short-comings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of short-comings in the income-tax laws with respect to the assessment of small scale industrial undertakings pointed out by the Comptroller & Auditor General are as under:

In the absence of any provision in the Income-Tax Act to the effect that a unit should be registered with Director of Industries for claiming the concessions under the Act, and suitable provisions requiring District Industries Centres to send particulars of Small Scale Industrial Units registered with them to Tax authorities, it was not possible to bring all profit-making units to tax bracket. Besides, the large number of provisions and concessions obtaining in the statute book were mostly unavailable to the units, since most of them had limited profitability or none at all.

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Pension Scheme for L.I.C. Employees

6018. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is actively considering the introduction of 'Pension Schemes' for its employees;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced;

(c) whether the 'Pension Scheme' will also be applicable to the retired L.I.C employees, irrespective of their age of retirement if they opt for it; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a). No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The employees of the Life Insurance corporation of India are getting Gratuity and matching contribution of Provident Fund as retirement benefits. It is not considered feasible to give pension as a third retirement benefit.

Opening of New Bank Branches in Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh

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6019. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer the reply given to unstarred question no.753 on July26, 1991 and state:

(a) the locations for which licences for opening new branches of banks in hill districts of Pauri Garhwal, Chamoli, Tehri Garhwal and Uttarkashi are pending with banks, bank-wise;

(b) the date on which the Reserve Bank of India issued these licences; and

(c) the norms laid down by the Reserve Bank of India for issuing licences to banks for opening their branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Bank-wise pending licences for opening new branches in hill districts of Pauri Garhwal, Chamoli, Tehri Garhwal and Uttar-Kashi are given below:-